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RUSSIA'S LAUSANNE SURPRISE.

NOTABLE DECISION.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LAUSANNE, July 20.

M. Chicherin, the Soviet Foreign Commissioner, has replied to the invitation of the Conference agreeing to sign the Straits Convention at Constantinople within the specified time of three weeks.

The Russian reply is controversial, reiterating Russian objections to the settlement, but its agreement to sign is regarded as very important.

SEEKING RECOGNITION.

LAUSANNE, July 20.

The decision of the Russian Government to sign the Straits Convention is considered as one of the most outstanding features of the Conference, as it constitutes a remarkable volte face.

The decision is regarded as being dictated by the political motive of obtaining some recognition of the Soviet Government by Western Powers.

HOME CRICKET.

GENTLEMEN v. PLAYERS.

YORKSHIRE LEADS.

LONDON, July 20.

At Lord's the Gentlemen v. Players match was left drawn. The Gentlemen declared with 451 for 9, of which G. T. S. Stevens (University College School, Oxford and Middlesex) contributed 122, and M. D. Lyon (Rugby, Cambridge University and Somerset) 120. The Players replied with 228; Hearn (J.W.), (Middlesex), scoring 69; G. M. London (Essex) secured 5 wickets for 49. The Players, in their second innings, made 190 for 1 wicket, Sutcliffe (Yorkshire) and Hearn making 78 and 79, both not out, respectively.

Northamptonshire, at Northampton, lost to Lancashire by ten wickets. S. Wright compiled 96 not out in the second Northants innings. Tyldesley (R.) obtained 5 wickets for 55 and 7 for 45 for Lancashire.

At Nottingham, Nottingham led Sussex on the first innings.

Yorkshire, at Huddersfield, defeated Leicestershire by an innings and 173 runs.

(Yorkshire is firmly established at the head of the County Championship as the result of these two matches.)

At Maidstone Kent beat Somerset by 73 runs. Somerset's first innings amounted to 195, Freeman taking 7 wickets for 37.

REPARATIONS.

BRITISH REPLY NOW READY.

DESPATCH TO-DAY.

LONDON, July 20.

The draft of the British reply and the covering note have been completed. They will probably be received by the French Government to-morrow. They will also be sent to Brussels, Rome, Tokyo, and Washington at the earliest possible moment.

FRENCH BANK CHARGES.

IMPRUDENCE, ADMITTED.

PARIS, July 20.

Defending Counsel in the Banque Industrielle hearing submitted that the directors of the Banque might have been blameable for imprudence, notably in not establishing sufficient reserves, but they had not been guilty of mismanagement. They had not acted in bad faith. Counsel declared that the prosecution sought to establish a rigid standard which was contrary to the practice of all banking establishments in the Far East.

Judgment in the Banque Industrielle case is expected on Thursday next.

BISLEY SHOOTING.

SILVER MEDAL CONTEST.

LONDON, July 20.

At Bisley, after four competitors had tied each with 97 points, Lieut. J. Elgood, late of the Royal Flying Corps, won the shoot-off for the national Rifle Association silver medal for the highest aggregate score in the second stage of the King's Prize contest.

FAMOUS REBEL DEAD.

VILLA SHOT IN A BRAWL.

CHIHUAHUA, July 20.

The famous Mexican rebel Villa was shot dead in the course of a fracas arising out of his followers' dissatisfaction at not being paid.

INDIAN BANKS COMBINE.

BOMBAY, July 20.

The shareholders of the Tata Industrial Bank have passed a resolution in favour of amalgamation with the Central Bank of India, which the latter's shareholders have already approved.

COLLAPSING.

DOCKERS' STRIKE NEARLY OVER.

WORK BEING RESUMED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, July 20.

The dock strike is apparently collapsing. Following the resumption of work at Liverpool, the dockers at Manchester have decided to resume work. The striking Smithfield meat carriers have also resolved to return to work.

The dockers' strike affects nearly all the leading Home ports. The men are dissatisfied with the method of calculating the cost of living figure, by the fall of which reductions in wages are determined. The leaders point out that the agreement signed in September last making wages dependent on the cost of living must be upheld.

GRIMSBY STRIKE OVER.

LONDON, July 20.

The Grimsby trawler and coal trimmers have agreed to resume work on the employers' terms of a reduction of 5d. per ton per man. The new rate will be stabilized in three months.

Coaling and fishing vessels at Grimsby have been idle in consequence of a strike affecting several hundred lightermen, owing to a reduction in wages.

OPEN DOOR.

AMERICA'S TURKISH POLICY.

CHESTER QUERY.

WASHINGTON, July 20.

The State Department, replying to an enquiry regarding the Government's commitments in connection with the Chester Concession, denies that the concessionaires have received moral and political assurances that in the event of a dispute the American Government is bound to defend the validity of the concession.

The letter says that the Department has not received an authentic copy and is only concerned in maintaining the open door of equal commercial opportunity. The letter adds that the Department's reports do not indicate that this concession is a monopoly.

Admiral Chester acted for an American syndicate. The concession, which is valid for 99 years, concerns big public works. The new company is subject to all Turkish taxation and must also pay thirty per cent profits to the Government. It may import coal and materials duty free and employ foreign experts, but must train Turks to replace them, and ordinary labour must be purely Turkish.

ROYAL ASIATIC SOCIETY.

HONGKONG MAN HONOURED.

LONDON, July 20.

The Oxford University, in convocation, has conferred its honorary doctorate of letters on Lord Chalmers and Sir Charles Elliot in connection with the centenary of the Royal Asiatic Society.

Lord Chalmers was president of the Royal Asiatic Society in 1922 and Governor of Ceylon from 1913 to 1916. He is the author of numerous publications. Sir Charles Elliot is well-known locally as the first Vice-Chancellor of the Hongkong University, which post he resigned to become British Ambassador at Tokyo. Credited with a knowledge of 22 languages, Sir Charles is also the author of numerous books and papers on diversified subjects. He has had a distinguished diplomatic career in various parts of the world.

BIRTH CONTROL.

DR. MARIE STOPES WINS.

LONDON, July 20.

The Appeal Court has allowed the appeal of Dr. Marie Stopes with costs against the judgment entered against her for £100 with half taxed costs.

Dr. Marie Stopes, sued Dr. Salliday, Sutherland, a London physician, and his publisher, Harding, Moore, for alleged libel in Dr. Sutherland's book "Birth Control," which, referring to her birth control clinic in London, expressed surprise that the Home Secretary tolerated a "monstrous campaign of experimenting on the poor," and declared that Charles Bradlaugh had been imprisoned for a less serious crime. The jury found the words defamatory, but true in substance and fact, though not fair comment, and awarded a hundred pounds sterling damages. The Lord Chief Justice, after hearing the legal arguments, said that as the jury had found the words true in substance and fact it was impossible for him to depart from the ordinary rule; with costs, but granted a stay of execution in view of an appeal. His Lordship said that nobody denied the ability and sincerity and honesty of purpose of the plaintiff, but there was no evidence of ill-will on the part of the defendants.

DEATH SENTENCE APPEAL.

CAIRO, July 20.

It is understood that five of the men sentenced to death are appealing.

Five out of the thirteen men convicted of conspiring to kill British officials were sentenced to be hanged. Others were sentenced to penal servitude ranging from three years to life.

(Other news notes will be found on page 6.)

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BIRTH.

GATES.—On July 12, 1923, at Manchester, the wife of F. Gates, of a son. Both well.

DEATHS.

MERWIN.—On July 8, 1923, at Tsingtao, Dr. Caroline Stowe Merwin, of the A. P. M. Tsinan.
ROWARTH.—On July 16, 1923, at Shanghai, Robert Henry Rowarth, aged 58 years.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, JULY 21, 1923.

AN INTERNATIONAL CLUB?

If local public opinion could be consulted, we think the consensus of it would be in favour of some such Club as indicated above being formed in Hongkong. A minor portion would probably be against the idea as being, for some unknown reason, unwise; yet another section would be in opposition on the plea that "East is east, and never the twain shall meet." None of these two reasons operate where the question of trade and commerce is concerned and we do not see why these, or any other questions, should militate against any idea that seeks to foster a clearer understanding between the different classes that go to make up our diversified, and let it be said, most interesting population. An old revivalist hymn has it "We shall know each other better when the mists have rolled away." In Hongkong we seem to know each other for the worse when the "mists" of warring misunderstandings have been allowed to do their full work.

and instead of being a community that seeks for the best in each section of it and recognising that each has much to offer for the betterment of conditions in every walk of our lives out here, go on our own insular, parochial, little minded way. Given such a club as we have indicated, where a man's colour, race, or creed, would have no bar to his admittance provided he could pass the tests usually provided as safeguards by other clubs, such a Club could be the meeting place of our business men, our social workers, and the younger members of the community. A suitable motto, if any is needed might well be "Diversity of gifts, but the same spirit"—the spirit being to make Hongkong an enlightened as well as an enterprising place. Think of recent strike and trade experiences and how such might speedily have been settled had the opinion of members of an International Club been brought to bear upon them—how each side of every question could have been brought to the bar of public reason and considered and discussed free from racial or other prejudiced bitterness. The idea has limitless possibilities—all, we think for good. If such a Club is outside the region of practical politics, on the ground that we have sufficient social Clubs already, then is there any reason why a Rotary Club should not be instituted? Or a "Good Relations Club"? Or any other organisation which would have for its main object the ideas we have attempted to describe. It is recorded that the most promising event in the history of the Pan-Pacific Union is the recent start at organising into "Good Relations Clubs" young men of all races belonging to the Pacific area. The Union has established among the elders of the community, committees on good relations between

Americans and Japanese; Americans and Chinese; Americans and the Latins; Americans and the British Colonials in the Pacific, as well as committees on good relations between the Chinese and Japanese, the British Colonials and Latins and others, who meet to compare notes and see what progress is being made all along the line toward better understanding among the people of the Pacific. While the elder people have gone into this matter in a thoughtful, conservative manner, it has remained for the young people who have formed similar committees on good relations to throw their whole heart and soul into the movement for better relations among the peoples of the Pacific. The old heads now act as counsellors and the young people go in for vigorous action. It is a stupendous venture worthy any modern Galahad. Is there any tangible reason why an idea such as this should not be fostered here in Hongkong? Have we any Galahads willing to set themselves to such a mighty and noble task? It is for the "old heads" to move. Will they do so?

Why Not?

Queries have been raised regarding the wisdom of including a Chinese restaurant in the Hongkong Chinese section of the forthcoming Trade Exhibition. It has been pointed out that the prime object of such exhibitions is to encourage trade and industry. If a Chinese restaurant were run by Chinese in England it would only be a curiosity. It might, of course, enlighten people at home as to what a Chinese banquet really is; but beyond saving the folk at home endless worry about the efforts our digestions must sometimes make little material benefit will result. This is the argument of those who are against the Government spending money to help organise a Chinese restaurant at the Exhibition. They also state that even if sections of the people who visited the restaurant were taught to appreciate the "chow," no trade would follow as one could not very well cable the Kum Ling from London and order by code a dinner for six with sharks' fins and birds' nest soup thrown in. True it may give a flip to the eagerness to understand things Chinese but even this would not add to our exports to the Homeland. In view of the statement at yesterday's Chinese Chamber meeting that the 23 shop classes will not be sufficient why not drop the idea of the restaurant section?

Budding Orators.

A China Mail representative had the great good fortune last night to attend a meeting of the Debating Club attached to the Chinese Y.M.C.A., and listen and take part in a debate arising out of the resolution "Resolved: That the cinema is an influence for good on the public." We had something to say a short time ago on the question of Societies devoted to the art of public speaking, and after the experience our representative had last night, the need is emphasised. It may be said that the Chinese do not suffer from nerves. That may possibly account for the degree of confidence with which each succeeding speaker at last night's meeting tackled his subject. The points put forward by the opening orators and they spoke with confidence, sometimes with fervid eloquence, and a clarity and diction with due regard to grammatical accuracy, that can only be considered wonderful, were sound and sensible. The meeting was expertly handled by a young Chinese, and after the points pro and con had been made, a vote by ballot was taken and the result announced. The speakers had the expert advice of Mr. R. H. Moeller, the local Secretary of the Y.M.C.A., who acted the role of critic and who summed up in masterly fashion the good and bad points of each speaker. That the meeting was enjoyed was obvious. The China Mail man's impression was a body of young men eager to speak correctly and clearly (not one speech was read) courteous in debate and taking defeat in the right spirit. It was an interesting evening made happy by the innate courtesy of the members of the club who seemed pleased that an outsider should take an interest in their efforts and who cordially invited him to come again.

To-day's Poem.

(The Immortal Man.)

'Tis not the man with match alight Behind the barricade, Nor he who stoops to dynamite That makes us feel afraid. For halter-end and prison-coll Soon quench these brief alarms; But where are found the means to quell The man with folded arms?

We dread the man who folds his arms
And tells the simple truth,
Whose strong, impetuous protest charms
The virgin ear of youth,
Who scorns the vengeance that we wreak,
And smiles to meet his doom,
Who on the scaffold still can speak,
And preaches from the tombs.
We kill the man with dagger drawn—
The man with loaded gun;
They never see the morning dawn,
Nor hail the rising sun;
But who shall slay the immortal man
Whom nothing mortal harms,
Who never fought and never ran,
The man with folded arms?
—ENNES CROSBY,
in Unity.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised in The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

July 21.—Coronet Theatre; Mildred Harris in "Habit."
July 21.—World Theatre; Thomas Carrigan in "Checkers."
July 21.—Star Theatre; Nicola, the World's Greatest Magician and Illusionist. 5 p.m. Matinee for children.
July 21.—Star Theatre, The Great Nicola.
July 21.—Band Concert, Volunteer parade ground, postponed on account of weather.
July 22.—World Theatre; May McAvoy in "A House on a Hill."
PUBLIC AUCTIONS.
July 26.—Lammett Bros., the valuable household furniture of Mr. D. Tolan at No. 2, Austin Avenue, Kowloon, at 2.45 p.m.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Forthcoming Crown land sales include several building and agricultural lots in the New Territories and three lots at Ho Mun Tin.

Tenders are called in the current issue of the Government Gazette for reclaiming an area of approximately 20 acres of foreshore at Kowloon Bay East.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending July 7, 1923, amounted to 93,004 tons and the sales during the period to 118,171 tons.

A meeting to discuss the desirability of a Stadium for Hongkong is to be held on Wednesday next at 5.30 p.m. at the Hongkong Hotel. Representatives of all sports Clubs and Associations are invited to attend.

Chan Chi, a girl whose age was given as five, but who appeared to be about eight years old was this morning fined \$5 by Mr. C. D. Melbourne with the alternative of 5 days' imprisonment for hawking squash in market limits. She had been fined \$5 a week ago for a similar offence.

An uncommon occurrence in Shanghai is recorded in the Chinese press, the Shanghai Journal of Commerce reporting that a coolie, bitten by a snake while asleep in his matshed out in Chapel, died from the effects after the lower part of his body had swollen to enormous dimensions.

Sold a few months ago by Mr. Fred Ellis to two Chinese for \$650,000, Punjab Buildings, Kowloon, have again changed ownership, this time at a considerably higher price. The property has an area of about 94,000 square feet. It was sold on Thursday to a Chinese syndicate for a fraction over one million dollars, which works out at about \$14 per foot.

The Hon'ble Colonial Secretary for Ceylon, replying to a question in the Legislative Council, stated: "The question of introducing wireless broadcasting in Ceylon has been under the consideration of Government, and arrangements are being made to investigate how far local conditions, which are unfavourable, permit of broadcasting. Till the completion of such investigations Government is unable to make any pronouncement on this subject."

An interesting property sale was conducted in Shanghai on July 16 by Messrs. Noel, Murray & Co., who, acting on behalf of the Official Receiver of H. M. Supreme Court, put up to auction No. 695 Avenue Haig, house and grounds belonging to Messrs. Reiss & Co. and formerly occupied by Mr. H. H. Girardet. A reserve of £125,000 was placed on the property, and this was easily passed. A number of people attended the auction but only two took part in the bidding—Messrs. Butterfield & Swire and a representative of Sir Robert Ho Tung, of Hongkong. Bidding started at £125,000 and was quickly carried to £140,000, at which price Messrs. Butterfield & Swire became purchasers.

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WEEK-END SHREDS AND PATCHES.

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According to Messrs. when a man's clothes are neglected and shabby, his boots down at heel &c, it doesn't necessarily mean that he is poor. He may merely be married.

The Cherub thinks that it is entirely due "to the influence of the China Mail" that some men at least in the Colony, are adopting the sensible evening habit (and sometimes in the day) of either wearing tennis or, as he describes them, "Cissy" shirts—those wondrous things that lap the coat collar and show, in front, a V. expose of bronzed skin. The Cherub asserts that he was the first to give the Mail and the male idea, o' it and when any O.B.E.'s are coming along hopes he won't be forgotten, only, as he is very sensitive, like all democrats, he hopes they'll make it a B.V.D. (in outsides) instead.

What's in a ROSE BY ANY NAME? as OTHER NAME. Wilkie Bard did not say. Three hundred and fifty readers have sent us letters pointing out that the two regimental "birds" who were court-martialled this week are named Hawk and Kite and suggest they are individually doing us a favour in pointing this out knowing how difficult it must be for us to try and be funny each week. Only one reader has mentioned the fact that the gentleman who has this week put through a property deal showing him a mere profit of a little over 500 per cent, bears the excellent name of Silva-Netto. Got it?

Shadrach, who MISOGYNISM thinks he is a confirmed misogynist, unburies himself as follows: "How often is the fellow that is believed to be a devil by his wife the deadliest of bores!" "A woman is wretched until she discovers the man of her desire. Then she is usually most wretched than before."

"A test of famous—the desire to be with the object of one's affections; not when in the society of dull, depressing people, but when surrounded by brilliant, merry companions." The Poet admonishes us FAME, so to live our lives or walk warily that others will see our "footprints" in the sands of time and probably copy our example. If the number of stone images that are scattered up and down the world for any thing, quite a number of people have been doing this stunt. But it has remained for a local man to become honoured before his death and to have erected a "monument" that has about it the almost imperishableness of immortality. Visiting a certain caravan last night, at a reasonably late hour, and casting our tired eye over the Bill of Lading, we came across an item which read: "MacKirdy's Ham and Eggs." We sampled them, and herewith pronounce them good. They consist of three fried eggs, a reasonable supply of delectable

WHERE THEY LIVE.

OUR SENIOR OFFICERS' QUARTERS.

KOWLOON NOT POPULAR.

"The Government has no settled policy with regard to the number of quarters for senior officers to be erected in Kowloon," said Mr. Fletcher (Colonial Secretary) in reply to a question put by a China Mail representative yesterday.

At the present moment three senior officers (an A.C.F., M.O.H. and M.O.) have quarters in Kowloon. As Kowloon grows, more senior officers may be quartered there.

Our representative next called upon Mr. A. H. Hollingsworth, Assistant Director of Public Works, and was referred to Mr. H. C. Lourick, the engineer in charge of government buildings.

From Mr. Lourick he learned that since 1913 the following quarters have been built for Senior Officers: 2 houses in Kowloon, 14 houses on the lower levels (Hongkong), 11 houses and 6 flats on the Peak. In addition there are five old houses on the Peak.

For Junior Officers there have been built since 1913: 16 houses in Kowloon, and 22 houses and 35 flats on the lower levels (Hongkong).

NOW BEING BUILT.

At the present time there are in course of erection (or recently occupied) the following quarters for Senior Officers: 1 house and 1 flat in Kowloon, 2 houses on the Peak.

For the Juniors the figures are: 4 flats in Kowloon, 8 houses and 4 flats on the lower levels (Hongkong). It was impossible to obtain building or furnishing costs.

LAST NIGHT'S FIRE.

OVER HEATED STOVE BLAMED.

A fire, which caused damage to the extent of \$3,500, broke out at the first floor of No. 103, Shaukiwan East, at about 8.30 p.m., yesterday.

It was caused by an earthenware stove becoming overheated and then setting fire to some tobacco leaves which were being dried on the premises. On the alarm being raised, police and firemen from Shaukiwan station turned out and after work rendered dangerous through the inflammable nature of the goods, the fire was controlled and extinguished in less than one hour. The goods on the floor were insured for \$5,000.

120 MILES AWAY.

YESTERDAY'S TYPHOON WEATHER.

At 6 a.m. to-day the Royal Observatory report read: barometer 29.64, wind easterly, force 4, temperature 79°.

At 6 p.m. yesterday a typhoon of unknown intensity was located within 120 miles of latitude 16° N., longitude 112° E., proceeding in direction W.N.W.

At 9 p.m. yesterday and at 5 a.m. to-day there were sharp rain showers accompanied by a fairly strong breeze.

CLOTHING PILFERED.

MANY BATHING BEACH THEFTS.

Since the bathing season commenced a number of petty thefts from clothing left in bathing sheds on the Government enclosures at North Point and Kennedy Town have been reported, the majority being from the latter place. Yesterday, a waiter of the Yee Woo restaurant went for a dip at the Kennedy Town beach, leaving his clothing in No. 12 shed. On returning from the water he found that his clothing had disappeared.

ham, fried chipped potatoes, some tomatoes, and if the person concerned desires them, some onions. This is a feast to set before any king. For a living man to have such a memorial is a tribute to his abilities and to his taste, and we heartily commend the idea. The man who can make two blades of grass grow where hitherto only one grew is said to be a benefactor of the human race. The man who can add a dish that is going to make us pass over the usual items of our hackneyed menu, is conferring a favour on humanity. We are passing MacKirdy's name to the Secretary of the Onion Club with the suggestion that he is a fit candidate for the award of the Onion in the third degree (unpickled). As Lord Macaulay might have said—

How can man do better Than in inventing succulent dishes, For the appetites of his fellows And the darlings of the Gods. Doesn't rhyme? It's not meant to.

HI RICSHA!

ROOM FOR A MISSION.

INTERESTING FACTS.

Readers of the China Mail will remember that in our issue of Saturday last we referred to the successful Ricsha Mission carried on in Shanghai, and enquired if it was not possible for a similar mission to be carried on among the numerous men who earn a more or less tardy livelihood in Hongkong by plying for hire with chair and ricsha. A representative of the China Mail was deputed to make enquiries.

Questioned regarding ricsha coolies in Hongkong and the prospects of starting a mission for their welfare on the lines of the institution at Shanghai, Mr. D. Burlingham, (in the temporary absence of the C.S.P.) Assistant Superintendent of Police, said that the idea had been considered by the authorities some three months ago. Details were being discussed but nothing definite had been decided upon yet.

The police state that ricsha coolies in general are neither purposely troublesome nor can they be described, as a class, as pugnacious. However, they are very dense and ignorant and are hard to impress. The necessity of understanding and complying with traffic regulations by the men had always been aimed at but with little success although there had been some improvement in these respects lately. A good many of the traffic accidents in which ricshas were involved were due to the coolies' utter disregard of regulations and signals from police on point duty. Although they had been instructed to put out their hands and thus signify the direction they wished to take they never did so.

No actual schooling is given the men in the way of theory but practical explanation is always brought home to offenders by police on the spot. Prosecutions are taken out with a view to teaching rather than with the idea of inflicting a punishment.

It was also gleaned from the police that the number of ricsha coolies in the Colony would soon be reduced to make room for increased motor traffic in the shape of cars, cycles, buses and taxis. As to housing accommodation, the men are independent of the police although their address is registered. The usual custom is for a number of the men to live together in one house where the head charges a small amount for bed space. Generally the men who obtain their ricshas from the same master live in the same house.

The police estimate that the average earnings of each man per day, after deducting payment to the ricsha owner for hire and licence, is about \$1 at the least.

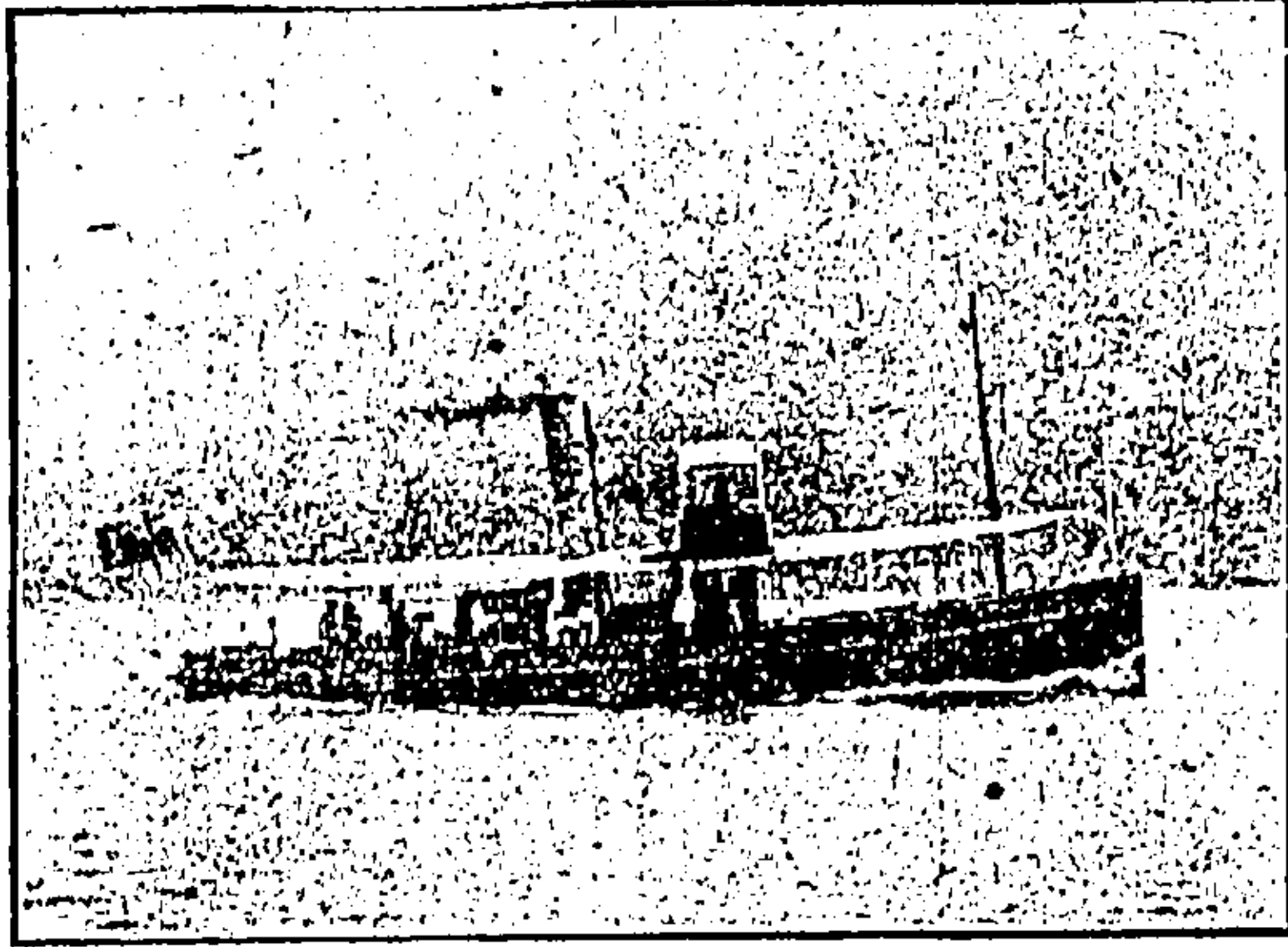
Their strenuous life coupled with their long shifts (twelve hours at a stretch each day) and working in all kinds of weather, must give the men, as a class, a shorter life than other classes of manual workers. The same applies to the chair-coolies.

Among information gathered from outside sources is the interesting statement that a ricsha coolie must have about \$100 in capital before he can embark on his work. He has to pay approximately \$80 to his predecessor for the privilege of pulling the vehicle during twelve hours each day. The reason for this is the fact that most of the coolies come from poor districts where the soil cannot support the population and there are no manufactures to speak of; hence there is always a waiting list, and as the number of ricshas is restricted, competition is keen. Also the men have to put up a deposit of several days' hire with the master. It is said that the amount paid by a pair who handle the ricsha during the twenty-four hours is about fifty cents.

The system in force for tracing movements of coolies has been found to be very effective. They move in batches and take up various stands at certain hours of the day. Amounts accidentally left in ricshas by careless fares have been recovered after a few systematic enquiries. Hongkong's ricsha pullers are from the Sze Yip (the four districts forming the hinterland of Kowloon) and the region around Swatow. Occasionally there is trouble between the two sections but serious riots are rare. Those who come from Swatow have their big day of the year in the autumn when they form processions to worship the tombs on the surrounding hills. They make a gala day of their solitary holiday in the year and save considerable sums towards putting up a brave show.

It would seem from all this that a case for a mission has been made out. We understand the Rev. H. R. Wells of the London Mission is identifying himself with such a proposal but lack definite information to confirm this statement.

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OUR LITERARY LOBBY.

LOCAL GOSSIP FOR BOOKY PEOPLE.

(Specially Continued.)

We are going to open a bookshop. Or rather we want to open this column this week by writing about the bookshop we should like to open. Our Bookshop is going to be called *The Parnassian Bookshop*. We don't want to worry if we don't sell a book. We shall have to sell our books; not the kind that teach you how to mix the best 100 cocktails; or to sell things. *The Art of salesmanship* and *sideline* leave us stiff. No, ours will be a real bookshop. There'll be books to handle, and books to dip into. Books to gleam over and others that you'll want either to beg, borrow or steal. There'll be a room for readers. Abandon coughs all ye that enter here. As we want to sell fountain pens, we shall probably not make a fortune. That does not matter. All that we need to open this *Parnassian* place is some money. Just a little. Who will oblige? We don't want to go to some folk here as we know we shouldn't be able to show them a satisfactory balance sheet. We couldn't pay dividends. \$8,000 has been subscribed to help purchase and endow Dickens' house at 48, Doughty St., London. More money is needed and *The Dickens Fellowship* say they "would much rather say to future generations that the sum was subscribed by 100,000 lovers of Dickens than that only 500 found the money." We have always said that the pocket is the test of affection. Pass life, but for your credit's sake and pay, pay pay. We have been writing about this week and have come across a book of his "outspoken essays." Here are several *bon mots* from them. "The object of studying philosophy means thinking things out for oneself. Our own religion is what life has taught us." They have an organization in America which has just engaged in a countrywide survey of the best places in which to open bookshops. "America is a place fit for booklovers to live in." Hongkong, a place fit for Landlords. "Don't give me a novel all 'ze's and 'zar's' said a young woman at a fiction book counter the other day. 'I'm not feeling very fit, and I can't bear it.' We've been that way ourselves trying to read a Kailyard novel. Shades of Ian Macnab and James Barrie, but it has even been beyond us. Mr. Asquith is to get £10,000 for his history of the war. This is what Barry Pain would call Margot Asquith for it. Phew. Art for art's sake. Churchill got £8,000 for the life of his father; Morley £10,000 for the life of Gladstone. Someone always put a cheque on these kinds of things. John Long is advertising some more novels for writers who were in the running for a £500 prize. If he only knew how this damns those novels. Chesterton has been telling people that "Poetry nowadays might consist of semi-colons and full-stops." This remark was rightly punctuated with laughter. A ready of this column suggests that the following generally defines literature. One man alone—a lyric. Two men—a ballad. One man and one woman—a short story. One man and two women—a novel. Two men and one woman—a drama. One man and two women—a farce. The best short story of the week. Up in the blackroom of the world's largest university is a woman who earns her living by brushing the dust from the thousands and thousands of unread volumes. As she goes about her work she has to be very quiet so as not to disturb the young man who sits nearby and scowls should she make but a sound. He is writing a book. Hilarious Balzac now edita *The Illustrated Review* the

LOCAL CHARITY WORK.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.

The Feast of the Patron of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be celebrated to-morrow, Sunday, July 22. A general meeting will be held at 11 a.m. in the Mission House, Catholic Cathedral, at which an address on "The Catholic Church and Labour" will be given by Mr. W. G. Fitz-Gibbon, B.A. The Society, which is the oldest charitable organization in the Colony, celebrates this year the 60th anniversary of its foundation in Hongkong. From small beginnings it has grown with the Colony, until to-day it provides for 172 poor families of different nationalities. St. Joseph's Home for the aged poor, Kowloon Tong, was founded by the Society a few years ago, but has recently been taken over by the Little Sisters of the Poor. The Society has specially interested itself during recent years in the education of the children of the very poor. It now maintains two vernacular schools, one in Wanchoi and the other in Yauwatti, and also pays the fees for an English education for a large number of poor children. The Society depends almost entirely for its funds on the proceeds of the annual bazaar, which is held each year in December, and in connection with which there is usually a draw for a motor car and other valuable prizes. It is understood that there is to be a special effort to make this year's bazaar a record success, in commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the Society's foundation in this Colony.

first number of which is before us. We are not sure if it appeals to us. There is the same "old gang." Squint, Chesterton, and Shanks. Even the "high-brow" people believe that you must "say it with pictures." That was Shorter's opinion when the *Saturday Review* launched out into new life. Here is a short list of modern novels notable for their almost complete lack of any reference to sex. Conrad: *Victory*, *The Nigger of the Narcissus*, *Lord Jim*; Kipling: *Captains Courageous*; Childers: *Riddle of the Sands*; Wells: *Invincible Man*; Food of the Gods; Walpole: *Jeremy*. The Little Book Shop in a certain place adopts the following. It has a unique parchment of autographs hanging behind its front door. When great people drop in they are offered any book in the shop in return for their autograph upon the parchment. We commend the idea to our local bookshellers and shall be glad to start the parchment! An entertaining fellow and speaks "straight from the shoulder." Holding forth to friends and interviewers (Americans and English) in his London flat recently, he said, "What are we going to do, you and I, when the next war comes?" "Will you fight, or will you go to prison? Will you English fight the Americans or will you join us to fight the Japanese, or shall we join you to fight the French, the Germans, or the Russians?" Will you fight, or will you go to jail? I have made up my own mind. I am going to jail. And the answering chorus is said to have been, "So am I, And I, And I." We sent the *Harvey-Hush* book on Shakespeare to one of our reviewers and received the following: "I am returning the book as on scanning it I feel sure I could never have patience to read it, let alone review it. On glancing through it, it appeared to me to be one of those books where the author has microscopically investigated a subject, has exhausted the subject, and is thereby likely to exhaust any reader. I know nothing about the Harvey-hush controversy. Has it any real bearing on life to-day? I suspect the author of being a pedant, of misusing his own time and talents and tempting other people to do the same." That is a *multum in parvo* review. Well, Aloha, Aloha, Aloha, as they say in Madrid. —PICKWICK.

CORRESPONDENCE.

LOCAL RACING.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Sir.—Your correspondent "Owner & Jockey" terms me an inexperienced outsider as regards knowledge of racing. If he cares to call at the office, I think Mr. Editor you can satisfy him that I certainly do not lack experience as a gentleman rider (against professionals and amateurs) on the flat or over hurdles as a trainer of race ponies (also amateur), as a starter and as a sporting writer. My experiences date back to 1894. Whether I am qualified to write on such subjects is, of course, a matter of opinion. An "Outsider" I may be. I have deposited my credentials with you Mr. Editor and would ask you to be kind enough to show them to "Owner & Jockey" should he care to call. Yours, etc. "ARGUS."

Hongkong, July 20.

COLONY'S FINANCES.

FIGURES FOR APRIL.

The Colony's financial statement for the month of April this year is as follows:

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.	
Balance of Assets and Liabilities	March 31 1923. \$ 15,057,684.56
Revenue from April 1 to 30, 1923.	\$ 2,127,316.20
Expenditure from April 1 to 30, 1923.	\$ 17,185,005.76
Balance.	\$ 14,615,766.59

A comparative statement of the Colony's revenue and expenditure for the period ended April 30, last year, gives the following totals under revenue head:—
Estimates, 1923: \$18,567,270; revenue from April 1 to 30, \$2,127,316.20; revenue for the corresponding period the previous year, \$2,575,810.10; actual revenue to April 30, this year \$8,334,361.22; and revenue for corresponding period the previous year \$8,007,633.29.
Under the expenditure head the statement gives the following total:—
Estimates 1923 \$22,583,835; expenditure from April 1 to 30, \$2,569,237.17; expenditure for corresponding period the previous year, \$1,528,842.95; actual expenditure to April 30, \$6,377,237.04, and expenditure for corresponding period the previous year, \$4,956,530.37.

CAPSIZED LAUNCH.

INQUIRY COMMISSION APPOINTED.

The *Government Gazette* announces that the following have been appointed members of a Commission to inquire into the capsizing of the ferry Launch "Fai Din Yat" on July 8:—
Commander, C.W.M. Beckwith R.N. (Chairman).
Mr. W. Davison.
Mr. F. W. James.
Mr. L. H. V. Booth is to act as secretary.

POSTPONED.

TO-NIGHT'S BAND CONCERT OFF.

Owing to the uncertainty of the weather, the Promenade Concert fixed for this evening at Volunteer Headquarters, has had to be postponed. An announcement regarding the date of the concert may be expected in Monday's paper.

MARK'S SLUMP.

REICHSBANK'S LATEST ORDER.

[Reuter's Service to the China Mail.]

BERLIN, July 20.
Following an agreement by a conference of bankers, the Reichsbank has issued a regulation providing that orders for foreign currencies must be covered by an adequate amount of German marks. The Reichsbank's action yesterday resulted in a reduction in requests for foreign currencies to about one third, demands for sterling being satisfied to the extent of five per cent.

FLANDERS POPPIES.

GENOTAPH TRIBUTE.

LONDON, July 20.
Earl Haig, placed a wreath of Flanders poppies at the Genotaph in Whitehall on behalf of the British Empire Service League in memory of fallen comrades. All the delegates of the conference were present.
[The British Empire Service League is holding a conference in London.]

FORGERY CHARGE.

NEW YORK, July 20.
A Grand Jury has indicted a prominent official of the New York State Anti-Saloon League charged with larceny and forgery. The jury requested a legislative investigation into the League's activities. The accused pleaded not guilty and was released on bail.

THOSE BIG DEALS.

HOW ASSESSMENT IS FIXED.

INTERESTING STATEMENT.

When property changes hands at a greatly enhanced price does the public revenue benefit at once in increased assessment? In view of the present boom in real estate, a *China Mail* representative sought an official answer to this question yesterday. The Colonial Secretary, in reply, stated that new assessments are made each Spring. As a rule the assessor is guided in his decision by the rental. In the event of property changing hands during the intervening period of assessments a big profit to the vendor, the purchase price is taken into consideration when fixing the assessment.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.

MEMBERS are reminded that the Feast of the Society's Patron, St. Vincent de Paul, will be celebrated on SUNDAY, 22nd July. A General Meeting will be held at 11 a.m. at the Mission House, Catholic Cathedral. Mr. W. G. Fitz-Gibbon, B.A., has kindly consented to address the Meeting on "The Catholic Church and Labour." Members and their families and friends are invited. It is hoped that all Members will endeavour to be present.

F. H. BARNES,
Acting President General.
Hongkong, July 21, 1923.

HONGKONG STADIUM.

A MEETING to discuss the desirability of a Stadium for Hongkong, will be held at 5.30 p.m. in the HONGKONG HOTEL, on WEDNESDAY, 25th July, 1923.

Representatives of all Sports Clubs and Associations are invited to attend.
F. T. JAMES,
Hon. Sec. H.K.F.A.
Hongkong, July 21, 1923.

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ALL preliminary notices of forthcoming meetings, lectures and entertainments, sent for insertion in the news columns of the *China Mail*, are charged for at the rate of \$1 each, (as announced in May and June of 1922) providing that they do not occupy more than four lines. In future if this space is exceeded they will be placed in the advertising columns at the prevailing rates.

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WIFE'S INJURIES.

PUISNE JUDGE'S INTEREST-
ING RULING.

As briefly reported yesterday, the Puisse Judge (Mr. Justice H. H. J. Gompertz) gave judgment yesterday afternoon in favour of a Chinese clerk who sued a firm of Chinese building contractors for damages caused by the alleged negligence of defendant, or his servants, during blasting operations in the vicinity of his house at Quarry Bay.

The full text of His Honour's judgment was as follows:—
The liability of the defendant is admitted, but the amount of the damages is in dispute. The question is also raised whether the plaintiff can recover the cost of medical attendance to his wife, for which he has paid. It is argued that since the Married Woman's Property Act, he cannot do this. Addition on Torts (7th edition, page 77) was referred to and the case of Hall v. Hollander was cited. In that case a father was held not entitled to recover for injuries to his infant son. The decision was that loss of service was the gist of the action, and that the child, by reason of his age, was incapable of performing any service. As for expenses, it did not appear that any had necessarily been incurred. In the case before me, of course, the wife could have sued alone for her personal injuries. She could not have sued for medical expenses, as these were not incurred by her. In the case of Beasley v. Roney, a husband sued the London General Omnibus Company to recover damages for personal injuries to the wife. The husband recovered for expenses and the wife in respect of personal injuries. A Divisional Court held that the money recovered by the wife was for separate property. I think it undesirable that the defendant should be harassed by a new action by the wife and I propose, therefore, if the parties agree, to amend the writ by joining

the wife as plaintiff and assessing the damages on that basis once and for all.

Mr. Davidson, who represented the defendants, said he had no instructions to consent.

The Puisse Judge said that what he proposed to do was to add the wife's name to the writ and to make a small award for injuries and pain and suffering. If the wife was not joined now she could sue next week.

Mr. Davidson: I have not quite grasped yet what your Lordship has decided on the point of law.

The Puisse Judge: What I have decided on the point of law is that a husband can sue for medical expenses for his wife.

The Puisse Judge quoted the case of Beasley v. Roney, on which he based his decision.

Mr. Davidson observed that the case was not quoted at the hearing.

The Puisse Judge: It is not my fault if the parties do not give me the case. It is cited in two reference books and I find that it is good law.

Mr. Davidson: This case has been fought on the ground that a husband cannot sue for injuries to his wife.

The Puisse Judge: I find that the husband can sue for his expenses and I propose to save you being sued again by the wife.

Mr. Davidson: My instructions were to object to the action as it was originally framed and I have no instructions to consent to any alteration. I do not know quite where we stand.

The Puisse Judge: I will tell you where you stand. Your objection has been overruled. I find that the husband can sue. It is quite true that a wife can sue for personal injuries, but I say the husband is quite right in suing for expenses incurred.

Mr. Davidson: If your Lordship decides that I do not see why you should not give judgment on the claim as it stands.

In that case I give plaintiff for loss of wages, \$20; medical expenses, \$21; clothing, \$15; furniture, \$10; wife's medical expenses (to include future expenses), \$100.00; suffering \$50; making a total of \$216.00.

The plaintiff's solicitor was Mr. C. A. S. Russ.

THE GREAT NICOLA
AGAIN!

Not satisfied with his extraordinary feat on the Praya yesterday, Nicola has undertaken to execute two more sensational escapes. This evening, at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, he has promised to allow himself to be locked into a tank full of water from which it is evident that he will have to escape in a little more than a minute or so, west. We wish him luck and a quick exit from the tank.

The second, or rather, third, escape feat is to take place to-morrow night when Nicola will be locked and sealed into a mail bag whence he undertakes to extricate himself without in any way damaging bag, lock or seal. At the suggestion of a local man Nicola has accepted a new and additional complication of this feat, never done before: he will be manacled before he is placed in the mail bag!

BASEBALL LEAGUE.

WEEK-END FIXTURES.

At Happy Valley, this afternoon, weather permitting, the first game in the Hongkong Baseball League will be played. The match is between the American and Japanese teams. To-morrow the Portuguese and Indians are to play.

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Wilson	c.f. Ishida
Shank	s.s. Umamoto
Lewis	or
Finnan	r.f. Jiao
Dowrick	3b. Jiao
INDIANS.	PORTUGUESE.
Curreen	p. Rocha
O. Ismail	c. Barros
Sepher	1b. D. Xavier
Ackber	2b. Gozano
Kitchell	l.f. A. Xavier
U. Omar	c.f. Prata
Rumjahn	s.s. Alves
R. Omar	r.f. Botelho
S. Ismail	3b. Remedios.

THE STAR.

NICOLA'S SUCCESSFUL VISIT.

Nicola's visit to Kowloon has been a great success, which all who have seen him will admit has been well deserved. He has been drawing such good houses at every performance that he has decided to remain at the Star Theatre a little longer. We understand that commencing to-day, Nicola is giving a change of programme, and several new illusions are promised.

During the past week Nicola has been mystifying Kowloon audiences with his clever tricks, and those who have already seen him will be sure to want to see him perform again. To-day he is giving a matinee performance.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Sir John M. Le Sage, editor of The Daily Telegraph, has celebrated his 80th birthday. Last month he completed sixty years of service with this journal.

The many friends of Mr. P. T. Lambie of the Sanitary Board who is in Hospital with typhoid fever, will be glad to hear that he is progressing towards complete recovery.

At St. Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore last week, Miss Ripley Sarkies, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Sarkies, was married to Mr. Basil Eleazar Johannes, son of Mrs. E. Johannes.

The Governor has been pleased, under instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, to recognize provisionally and pending the issue of His Majesty's Exequatur, Mr. Sverre Berg as Consul for Norway in Hongkong.

The death has occurred after a short illness, of Dorothea, Countess of Chesterfield, mother of the Earl of Chesterfield, Lady Chesterfield, who was in her 96th year, married the 9th earl in 1851—72 years ago—and was left a widow in 1887. She was formerly Miss Dorothea Hay, daughter of Sir Adam Hay, of Hayston.

A quiet but pretty wedding was celebrated on Monday morning in Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, when Miss Mary Firth, daughter of the late Mr. Oliver Firth and Mrs. Firth of Horsforth, Yorkshire, became the bride of Mr. Timothy O'Neill Lane, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. O'Neill Lane, Abbey, feale, County Limerick. The bride's mother was one of the assistant mistresses in the Boone Road Public School for Girls, returned from Home on the "Empress of Canada" on the Saturday morning. The bridegroom is one of the assistant masters in the Ellis Kadoorie School. Mr. Brock Park was best man and Dean C. J. F. Symons performed the ceremony. A reception was held afterwards at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Fredericks, 506 Avenue Road. The honeymoon will be spent in Oqondai, South Manchuria.

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COMMERCIAL.

HONGKONG NOTES AND COMMENT.

INTEREST IN METALS.

The same steady tone that has been prevalent during the last few days is still in evidence in the local metals market but there is one disquieting feature which is the lack of business on a large scale and corresponding clearances. It seems as though holders of goods have made up their minds that as it will cost them more to replace their stocks and as prices are going up, elsewhere they would rather hang on longer than sell at a sacrifice. However, there is an under-current of genuine activity and had it not been for the unsettled conditions up-country and the delays caused by obstacles to shipping, a fairly large volume of business would have been recorded. On the whole, prices and the tone of the market compare favourably with the two previous weeks.

ANGEE BARS.—Dase sizes. Some indents on the usual booking terms, i.e., shipment or arrival in three to five months; c.f. and ex-godown Hongkong, have been recorded at \$6.60 per picul. Local dealers are quoting between \$6.00 and \$6.25.

BRASS WIRE.—Several thousand pounds were booked for indent at \$46 per picul and importers are sanguine that more orders will be placed. There have been some sales locally by Chinese dealers at between \$51 and \$52 per picul.

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Market is steady but no further advances are reported. Quotations for some well-known brands are as follows:—

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FOREIGN EXCHANGES.

LONDON, July 20.
Marks have recovered to 1,500,000. French francs are 77/90 and Belgian 91/75.—Reuter.

HONGKONG IMPORTS.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT.

The fortnightly report issued by the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce says:—

Cotton Piece Goods and Fancy Cotton Goods.—During the interval a moderate business has been done in Grey and White Shirtings also Batteens at satisfactory rates. Local values are practically unchanged but exchange does not favour the importer and it is difficult to do simultaneous business despite the fact that many makers at home are eager for orders to keep their looms running.

Cotton Yarn.—Owing to fresh troubles on the West River, our market ruled rather quiet and uninteresting and the prices realised for the few sales effected were below those of last fortnight.

Quotations are:—No. 10s. \$165/192. No. 12s. \$173/203. No. 16s. \$195/208. No. 20s. \$182/207. Arrivals 250 bales. Shipments nil. Sales 1,250 bales. Unsold stock 10,000 bales. Bargains 7,000 bales.

Woolens.—A demand has sprung up for Flannels, Coatings, Suitings, etc., for quick shipment—several lines have been placed, but the fall in the exchange has affected things—the prospects, however, seem a little brighter.

Raw Cottons.—No sales to report and prices are unchanged.

Metals.—Prices are slightly firmer but business is still restricted to small transactions.

Sundries.—Window Glasses: Few small sales. Market steady.

Sugar.—Market quiet.

Flour Market Report.—Stock: about 400,000 sacks. Market steady.

Quotations: American Patent, \$3.70 per sack; American Straight, \$3.00 per sack; American Cut-off, \$2.25 per sack; Shanghai Flour, \$3.20 per sack; Australian No. 1, \$3.00 per sack.

THE STATE OF TRADE.

HOME POSITION.

The political instability in Europe—especially in the Ruhr and in the South-east of the Continent—leaves export trades erratic. The home trade, too, is patchy, says the Manchester Guardian Commercial in mail week.

Banking movements during May were insignificant. A decline in advances and acceptances seems to infer a drop in the volume of trade, but a rise in bills appears to be evidence to the contrary.

British exports in May were £71,554,864, and imports £89,478,096. Re-exports were £11,773,420.

Reports from our correspondents in the principal markets of home are summarised below:—

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Wool.—New cloth business scarce; Bradford spinners very busy on American account.

Other Textiles.—Flax firm; better inquiry for yarns and linen goods. Just advancing; yarns in good request.

Draps, etc.—Better retail trade; wholesalers fairly busy but competition for orders keen.

Shoes and Leather.—Substantial orders for autumn trade. Fair trade in hides and finished leather; export trade dull.

Metals.—Copper quiet. Tin easy. Lead steady. Spelter firmer.

Chemicals.—Trade quiet at steady prices.

Coal.—Weaker; forward business restricted. Coke quiet.

Iron and Steel.—Orders scarce; quotations weaker. Buyers of finished iron and steel cautious.

Timber quiet.

Freights.—Dull.

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Admiral J. B. Andrews, recently appointed Commander of the United States fleet in European waters, was presented to President Harding, in Washington, by Secretary of the Navy Edwin Denby before sailing to assume his new duties. He will succeed Admiral Long, veteran warrior of the sea.



Robert P. Brindell, former head of the Building Trades Council, sentenced to Sing Sing for five years for extortion from contractors and graft, is now in solitary confinement at Dannemora Prison, to which he was taken in irons, after it was learned that he had been keeping clandestine meetings with members of his family outside the prison at Sing Sing. Dannemora, known as the "Siberia of America," is ruled with an iron hand. An investigation of prison liberties at Sing Sing has begun.



Supreme Court Justice Robert F. Wagner, has been designated by Governor Alfred E. Smith to preside over the special term of the Supreme Court called to convene an Extraordinary Grand Jury, in Westchester County, before which Attorney General, Carl Sherman will seek to have Walter S. Ward, son of the millionaire banker, reindicted for the murder of Clarence Peters. A month will elapse, it is expected, before the special proceedings begin. Attorney General Sherman will prosecute the case.



To the tact and enterprise of Joseph C. Grew, American Minister to Switzerland and representative of this country at the Lausanne Conference, is credited the reported peaceful settlement of differences between Turkey and Greece, which seemed certain for a time again to embroil the Balkan countries. The United States has entrusted to him now the consummation of details of a treaty of amity and commerce between America and Turkey.



Mrs. Joseph T. Talbert. Mrs. Anne U. Stillman.

The name of Mrs. Mira-R. T. Talbert, has been linked with that of James A. Stillman, banker, in society gossip as that of the "second Mrs. Stillman." Mrs. Talbert has shown a striking similarity in appearance and manner to Mrs. Anne U. Stillman, and this has recalled the latter's prophecy that "if Mr. Stillman ever is free to marry again you will find him paying court to a woman possessing the qualities of the wife he sought to destroy." Mrs. Talbert is the widow of Joseph Traitt Talbert, banker and friend of Stillman.



Must youth be served, as so often we have been told it must? Must it? Well, listen: Iron Man Joe McGinnity, famous idol of the baseball fans of two decades ago, just past 52 years old, pitched a four-hit game in the Mississippi Valley League, Dubuque, winning 1 to 0. Old Man Jess Willard served youth with an awful beating when he knocked young Floyd Johnson for a flock of goals. Who can drive in the National Circuit better than "Pop" Geers, octogenarian? Old Man Ty Cobb has been playing in the big league long enough to know youth must be served, but the ancient one is clouting well above 300. He has been playing big league ball since 1905 and still has the highest batting average ever made, 420. Then there are Old Man Frank Kramer, undefeated bicycle champion; and old Abel Kiviat, who is doing a come back on the cinder path; and old "Babe" Adams, who celebrated his forty-first birthday by licking the youthful Boston Club. Ancient Walter Johnson, of Washington, doesn't know yet when to stop his speed ball. And Jake Daubert, of the Reds, is so old he surely ought to stop being the best first baseman in the game. How about Stanislaw Zbyszko, wrestler; and Willie Ritchie, combsick light-weight; and gray-haired Johnny Kilbane, world's champion featherweight? And Edward Payson Weston, who can outwalk them all? Yes, youth must be served—with a licking.



Marcel Cachin, Communist member of the Chamber of Deputies, is charged with being head of a group plotting against the safety of France by their anti-occupation activities in the Ruhr. Premier Raymond Poincare, who resigned as a result of the political upheaval, said to have been caused by Cachin's efforts, has been prevailed upon to continue in office until the Government finds a way to bring Cachin to trial.



Apparently authentic reports have it that Major-General Leonard M. Wood will shortly proceed from the Philippine Islands to China as President Harding's personal representative there. Judge E. Figley Johnson, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the Philippines, has gone to Manila and is stated to become Acting Governor-General.



Because Margaret Storm, fourteen, was "born in the barred zone," as the immigration records at Ellis Island, New York, have it, she has been refused admittance and ordered to be deported. Her father is a German of culture and once was a wealthy jeweller, but she has been made to suffer because her mother was a native of Siam, which country is in the "barred zone." The girl is educated and refined and very pretty. She was sent there for adoption by her uncle, Reinhold Storm, of Carlos, Minnesota.



Rosa Ponselle, whose progress from chorus girl, to the Metropolitan Opera Company in five months astonished the music world, told reporters she would never wed a singer. But some day, when Cupid strikes, she hopes HE will be a big business man.

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Hongkong, 22nd July 1928, 5th Sunday
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Holy Communion (8 a.m.)
Matins (11 a.m.)
Responses: Ferial; Venite, No. 28
(Antiphon: "Gloria: 30 Turle"); To
beom, Jona, Canticle, Canticle
(1st Morning); Benedictus, No. 31
(Hymn); Anthem: "Ye shall dwell
in the land." (Stainer); Hymn, 271.
Bidding Service (12 noon).
Evening (9 p.m.).
Responses: Ferial; Psalm, 41 (Goss, 43
Forster); 43 (Goss); Magnificat, No.
12 (Webb); None Dimittis, Felton
and Hymn, 189, 193, 271.

St. Peter's Church, West Point

2nd July, 1928, 8th Sunday
after Trinity.

8 a.m. Holy Communion.
11 a.m. Morning Service.

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Road, Tram Station.
Sun 11, 11.15 a.m.
Wednesday, 8.45 p.m.

CHINESE CHILDREN.

HOW TO TELL THEIR AGES.

"NICKNAME" SOLUTION.

One of the minor difficulties which
confront the members of the Child
Labour Commission recently ap-
pointed by the Shanghai Municipal
Council is that of the difference be-
tween Occidental & Oriental methods
of counting ages. Very interesting
information was forthcoming at a
recent meeting of the Commission
when medical evidence was being
taken, says the N.-C. Daily News.
All witnesses, of course, agree that
in the absence of any system of
birth registration it is quite im-
possible to tell the age of Chinese
child workers.

One witness, a Chinese doctor,
stated that he had a method of
securing the proper information
which invariably bore good fruit.
At an unexpected juncture in the
course of the interview he taps out
the question asking the child's
"nickname." Every Chinese child
has a "nickname" which depends
on the year in which he or she is
born. For these nicknames there
are a dozen characters only, there
being five periods of 12 years each
in the Chinese cycle of 60 years.
These characters represent animals,
viz., rat, rabbit, tiger, dragon,
monkey, pig, etc., and the Chinese
child, taken unawares, will promp-
tly give the desired information. It
is obvious of course that a mistake
of 12 years cannot be made in the
case of children. If the dragon re-
presents the eighth year of the cycle
then a child born in that year is
either 13, 25 or 37 years old or he
is 1, 10, 23 or 40. In the absence
of birth registration the system—
which has come down through the
centuries—it is believed to be about
3,000 years old—is, like other cus-
toms Chinese, an admirable one.
Unfortunately, the nickname so
given is not very generally used and
it is not always possible to secure
corroboration. As a rule, only very
close relatives are in possession of
the information. The Chinese rule
of counting age, of course, is well
known, making the children any-
thing from 12 to 18 months older
than by foreign count.

For some unknown reason, this
is one of the Eastern systems which
are very little talked about. Clearly,
the reason for this reticence must
also be Oriental for, as stated, if it
may not equal a birth certificate—
judged on Western lines—there is
still very much to be said in its
favour. After all is said and done
—although most foreigners can
usually state off-hand the year of
their birth there are times when it
might conceivably be easier to re-
port that one is a dragon or a
monkey than to recall the exact
year of birth. The matter opens up
a very interesting field. Doubtless
it has been touched on before. For
instance, the gentle inquirer would
like to know why, in the first place,
animals were chosen and in the
second why particular animals were
allocated to certain years?

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

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London, Singapore.—K. Wharf.
Van Overstraten, (J.C.J.L.) from
Amoy.—A10.
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Shanghai.—A8.
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Tientsin, Waihaiwei.—C33.
Robert Dollar, (Dollar) from New
York, Shanghai.—K. Bay.
Comdt Dorise, (M.M. Cie) from
Saigon.—A4.
Hanyang, (B. & S.) from Shang-
hai, Amoy.—C17.
Himalya Maru, (O.S.K.) from
Mojik.—K. Wharf.

DEPARTURES

President Madison, (Ad. Line)
for Seattle, Shanghai.—July 21.
Poolee, (Hung Fung) for Kwong-
chow-wan.—July 21.
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Hongay.—July 21.
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Tacoma, Shanghai.—July 21.
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Kaipo Maru, (O.S.R.) for Keelung,
Swatow.—July 22.
Hanoi, (Lapicque) from Hai-
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22.

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SUNDAY, JULY 22.
U.S.A. Japan and Shanghai.....President Taft
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MONDAY, JULY 23.
Straits.....Sudan
Shanghai.....Suiyang

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SUNDAY, JULY 22.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa.....Kaipo Maru 9 a.m.
MONDAY, JULY 23.
Saigon.....Hanyang 11 a.m.
Japan.....Kaipo Maru 11 a.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 24.
Shanghai Japan and VICTORIA B.C.—due
Victoria 21st Aug.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow.....Hanoi 3.30 a.m.
Mandala.....Pres. McKinley 2.30 a.m.
Sudan.....Suiyang 5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, JULY 25.
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quis, South Africa, India via Dhanush-
koti, Bombay, Aden, Egypt and
EUROPE via Marseilles—due
Marseilles 20th August. Parcels 24th
5 p.m. Registration, 9.45 a.m. Letters
10.30 a.m.
Shanghai.....Dorabha
Tientsin.....Tientsin 3 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 27.
Straits, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marquis,
Bombay, Aden, Dhanushkoti,
Bombay and Aden.....Sado Maru 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow.....Hanoi 3.30 a.m.
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